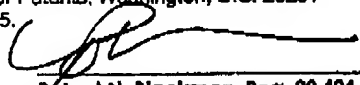



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MESSAGES:**Examiner Hoey, Alissa L.:****Please find enclosed a restriction election and transmittal in response to the January 31, 2005 restriction.****Respectfully Submitted,**
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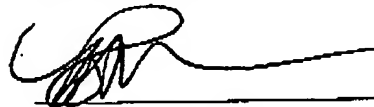
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Transmitted herewith are:

☒ A restriction election☒ No additional fee is required for this amendment☐ A petition for a _____ month extension of time and☐ One Page Proposed Drawing Corrections☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ for _____☒ Change of Address Form☒ Authorization is granted to charge any additional or deficient fees under 37 CFR § 1.16
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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction of January 31, 2005, election is made as follows:

Election of Species

The Examiner has required election among the species of Groups I, II and III. The Applicant selects Group III, an article applied over a pair of trousers and constricted by a drawstring. Figure 9 was also elected by an earlier election, and Applicant hereby reconfirms the election of Figure 9. Claims 3-9 are generic to the elected species and subspecies.

Summary

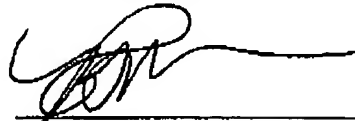
Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested.

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Should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Robert N. Blackmon, Applicants' Attorney at 703-684-5633 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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